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For: ENZYMES HAVING ALPHA AMYLASE
ACTIVITY AND METHODS OF USE
THEREOF

Examiner: Rebecca E. Prouty

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated November 05, 2004. A response was initially due February 05, 2005. Applicants herein submit a petition for a two month extension of time to April 05, 2005, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, with the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.